



**The Nor'easter**  
**Quarterly Northeast Region Civil Air Patrol Update**  
**January-March 2014**

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Colonel Edward Burns, NER Vice Commander  
Colonel Joseph Sirois, NER Vice Commander  
Lt Col Karen Cooper, NER Chief of Staff

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**Upcoming Key Dates**

New York Wing Conference & Change of Command: 16-18 May 2014  
Pennsylvania Wing Conference: 16-18 May 2014  
2014 National Conference and Command Council Meeting: 14-17 August, Las Vegas, NV  
New Hampshire Wing Conference: 20 September 2014  
Maine Wing Conference: 27 September  
NER & Connecticut Wing Joint Conference: 18-19 October 2014

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**Introduction**

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Nor'easter, the Civil Air Patrol's premier region staff newsletter produced by the NER Chief of Staff. The Northeast Region of the Civil Air Patrol has a long-standing tradition of excellence and we value the strong support that our staff provides to the 9-wings of the Northeast Region. We are pleased to provide you with this report card that outlines what we have been working on this first quarter of 2014. This information will assist you in helping us to strengthen our organization and to continue to provide opportunities for our member's in support of their communities, state, and nation.

We welcome your input to make this newsletter better and hope that this report card will lead you to a greater understanding of our endeavors at the Northeast Region.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Leclair, Col, CAP  
Northeast Region Commander

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Please join the NER in congratulating the following members and units for the Northeast Region Annual Awards:

Brewer Award Category 1: C/2Lt Robert Barlow – VT-033  
Brewer Award Category 2: Maj Wendy Mullane – MA007  
Brewer Award Category 3: Lee Woodworth – Non CAP  
Brewer Award Category 4: Lt Col Alfred Hulstrunk – NER-000  
Historian of the Year: Capt Christopher Keenan – CT-001  
Senior Chaplain of the Year: Lt Col Daniel Miles – NER-001  
IC Staff Member of the Year: SSgt Paul Casalese – NJ-001  
Professional Development Officer of the Year: Maj Michael Swavely – PA-338  
Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year: CMSgt Gene Westerlind – MA-007  
Cadet of the Year: C/Col Abigail Hawkins – PA-025  
Cadet NCO of the Year: C/MSgt Nicholas Kuppa – NY-408  
Officer of the Year: Lt Col Herrick Mead – NH-001  
Aerospace Officer of the Year: Maj Franklin Porath – NJ-003  
Counter Drug Officer of the Year: Lt Col William Geyer – PA- Group 1 37002  
Communicator of the Year: Lt Craig Yanta – NJ-092  
Director of Finance of the Year: Capt Joseph Bisnov – CT-001  
Public Affairs Officer of the Year: Lt Cynthia Gironde – PA-002  
Safety Officer of the Year: Lt Jose Rios – PA-080  
Cadet Programs Officer of the Year: Maj Robert Motz – NJ-092  
Character Development Instructor of the Year: Capt Preston Lawrance – NH-001  
Property Manager of the Year: Capt Arthur Stockhausen – NER-001  
Aerospace Teacher of the Year: Lt Col Michael Castania- NJ-001  
Inspector General of the Year: Lt Col James Fallon – MA-001

Squadron of Distinction: New Fairfield Cadet Squadron CT801  
Paul Turner Safety Award: Maine Wing

These awards have been sent to NHQ for consideration for the corresponding national award.

The awards will be presented at the joint Northeast Region / Connecticut Wing conference on October 18 held in Hartford CT

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#### **Northeast Region Aerospace Education Officer School**

The Northeast Region Aerospace Education Officer School will be held at the NER & Connecticut Wing Joint Conference 16-19 October 2014 at the Bradley Airport Sheraton. Any CAP members interested in teaching at the school, contact Lt Col Joseph Goldman or Lt Col Jacqui A. Sturgess, who are the lead staff for the school.



## Northeast Region Aerospace Education Officers Course October 16-18, 2014

### IMPORTANT FACTS:

- *Course will run Thu - Sat*
- Sheraton Hartford hotel  
Bradley Airport, Windsor Locks CT
- **COST: \$ 15 per student**
- Meals are at your own expense
- Accommodations may be made thru  
the Region Conference website:  
<http://www.ner.cap.gov/>

The course is designed to give AEO's guidance on how to plan, conduct, manage, and report on both internal and external AE programs of CAP.

### GOALS OF THE COURSE

To educate CAP AEO's at Group and squadron levels about their duties, and resources available to help them.

To share experiences and ideas to help make our AE program better.

To increase effective communication between local AE Officers and National AE Staff.



### To Attend:

- \* Be a CAP Senior Member with Level 1 completed
- \* Assigned in the AEO duty at your unit (suggested)
- \* Complete a CAPF 17, with approval from your unit commander
- \* Send the CAPF 17 to: Lt Col Joseph Goldman  
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**Don't Miss Out On This Course**

## AEX Program



Manhattan, NY: 12 Jan 2014 For the second time, the Upper West Side Cub Scout Pack, 664, completed the AEX program - graduating 24 cub scouts and three leaders. At the awards ceremony, certificates were presented to participants and the CAP AEX plaque was presented to Kim Butta, the AEM and one of the pack leaders.

Encouraged by 1st Lt Vince Butta, the AEO for Phoenix Composite Squadron - Manhattan's only CAP squadron - the cub scouts enjoyed six workshops and a field trip to the Challenger Learning Center. For Kim this was her first year working with CAP, "I really enjoyed the program and seeing the energy of the pack as they worked on their Goddard rockets, paper airplanes, and the other projects. The highlight really was the visit to Challenger Center. It was so realistic - we all got caught up in the Mission to Mars!" Kim's expenses for the AEX program were covered by a grant from the AFA. Now Kim is looking forward to renewing her AEM membership and hoping for her TOP flight with CAP this year.

JACQUI A. STURGESS, Lt Col, CAP External AEO Northeast Region

### **Museum of Flight**

The Museum of Flight is an excellent link for aerospace material that can be utilized with the CAP aerospace programs.

<http://www.museumofflight.org/education-links>

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### **CADET PROGRAMS:**

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Due to the fact that there will not be a National Cadet Competition (NCC) in this year, the Northeast Region will not be holding a competition in 2014. However – set your calendars for

2015. The Northeast Region will be holding a competition in the Spring of 2015 with both the Drill Team competition and a Color Guard competition.

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**Northeast Region Chaplain's Staff College**

I am pleased to extend to you this invitation to attend the 2014 NER Chaplain Corps Staff College at Joint Base McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst, New Jersey. We are expecting exciting, educational, challenging and FUN times.

This year's staff college will open Monday, 09 June in the afternoon at 1400 (2:00 p.m.) for registration. The college will end Friday June 13 following lunch. Please note that the registration fee is reduced to \$125.00.

For copies of the Student Invitation Registration Form, and Course Description, please contact:

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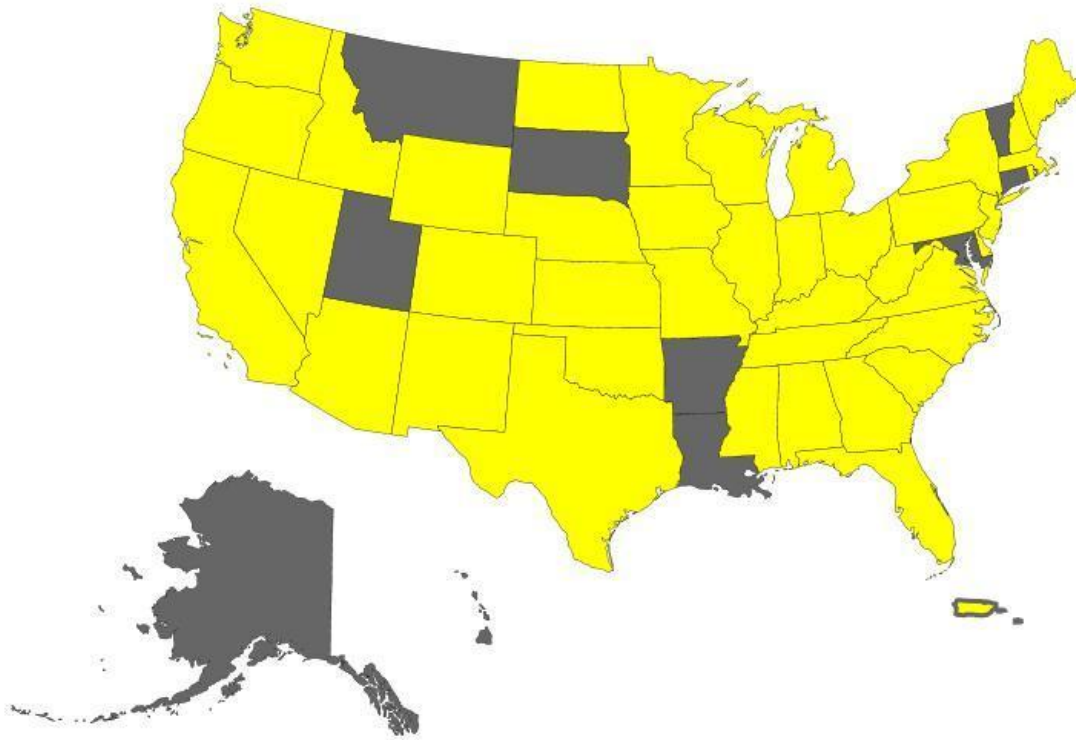
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There are several new training opportunities for communications in the Learning Management System in e-services. There are three courses. T-10 for what it takes to get a station authorization, T-11 for how to use the small Intra Squad Radios and T-4A on how to use the suitcase HF ALE RDP units. Take an opportunity to learn more about communications.

The HF National Traffic Net has been quite active. National HQ keeps a running list of which wings that have stations checking in and briefs the National staff. Daily maps are sent out such as the one below for April 8<sup>th</sup>. HF stations are encouraged to participate.





The Constant Watch 14 communications exercise will occur soon. This exercise revolves around CAP demonstrating the ability to pass traffic on a national basis and to pass traffic to all ten of the FEMA RRCC's of which the NER has three. CAP is developing a closer relationship with FEMA and the Constant Watch exercise is one of those efforts.

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This year's Legislative Day was similar to years past with one distinct difference: every legislative staffer and elected official we spoke with knew who we were and the value we provide to the states and to the nation. There was great support to help with our issues and concerns.

As in prior years we have a national agenda to deliver to our Senators and Congressman. At the top of the list is a view of the next fiscal year's Operations and Maintenance budget, why we need the funds requested and the impact of any identified short falls. In recent years there have been short falls and those have to be worked to be restored each year, sometimes with some compromises. Additional requests for appropriations for aircraft, vehicles and communications equipment are part of the upgrade proposals.

The last item on the agenda to discuss with the legislators was to again ask their support for the Congressional Gold Medal bills in honor of the unusual service of our CAP World War II veterans. For current information on CGM progress visit the national headquarters website at [http://www.capmembers.com/cap\\_national\\_hq/goldmedal/](http://www.capmembers.com/cap_national_hq/goldmedal/)

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My name is Major John B Flattery MSN RN; I am the NER director of health services. The NER Health Service Officer serves as a liaison and a resource to the subordinate unit Health Service Officers. My goal is to provide whatever wisdom and support to my fellow Health Service Officers.

As the NER Health Service Officer I am in the process of reviewing the new changes affecting the Health Service Officer throughout the region. As NER develops its new website we will have an online area for health services information. I am also preparing a small program to be offered at the NER conference this year.

Please feel free to contact me for any guidance or questions you might have. If I do not have the answers I will direct you to the appropriate resource.

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The NER website redesign is well underway. The changes will not only include a new look and feel but also include moving the website to a new server that is managed by NER but National Headquarters provides the funding for the commercial service provider

The new server will allow all of our staff to manage their own web pages and insure the timeliness and accurate information is available to everyone about each and every department and the region in general. To that end we are encouraging each department to work with IT and make sure the department staff knows how to edit web content for their department.

The IT Department is also entertaining ideas for the conference, there are so many good ideas in technology that will make all of our lives easier we want to make sure we are getting the word out.

The Wing IT Officers throughout the region have started to get together to start working through some of the problems that face all of us and to share best practices. We are also encouraging the wings to do the same thing at the state level. As IT becomes the chief communication methods throughout CAP we need to make sure we are communicating among ourselves so we can best help the rest of the region communicate most effectively.

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An Inspector General Senior Course has been scheduled for Thursday-Friday, October 16-17, at the Sheraton Hartford Hotel at Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT. This is the location for the joint NER-CT Wing Conference which will be held on October 18-19. Special CAP room rate will apply for the pre-Conference courses. Further details will be posted early this summer.

The NER IG Team is working diligently in cooperation with wing commanders and wing IGs as CAP starts a new process for closing out Compliance Inspection discrepancies across the nation. From now on, discrepancy responses will be reviewed at region level, with closure recommendations forwarded to CAP IG and CAP-USAF IG for final approval.

Finally, we welcome Lt Col Joe Milano ([Joemilanousaf@yahoo.com](mailto:Joemilanousaf@yahoo.com)) as a region Assistant Inspector General Col Milano, who served NJ Wing for many years, currently lives in Pittsburgh. He and Lt Col Androsiglio will focus on Inspections, including discrepancy responses and the wings' SUI programs. Lt Col Knightly, the previous region IG, has kindly agreed to continue with us as IGA for Investigations.

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**LEGAL OFFICER:**

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The legal officer is an essential position within the Wing structure to ensure the commander's decisions are made in accordance with the regulations of CAP and required under USAF evaluation.

If a Wing does not have a legal officer, please look to recruit one as soon as possible and let the Region know when an officer is in place.

If a Wing needs assistance with ideas to recruit a legal officer, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Region.

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Your Operations team has been busy. We just concluded our eighteenth Strategic Operations (StratOps) Conference on 29 Mar 14 at the Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst. At the StratOps the Command and Operations leaders in each wing were briefed on many of the functional areas of the NER Operational Team and on the NER Region Coordination Centers (RCC) where we will collectively coordinate CAP relief efforts in future large-scale disasters.

For the future we have a Mission Aircrew School (MAS) South set up for the end of April and a MAS North set up to coincide with the CTWG Cadet Encampment in August. We are additionally working to join an extended DOT Advanced Imaging Aerial Test, to codify Hot Air Balloon activities in the NER, to draft a NER Severe Weather Aircraft Evacuation plan, to draft the details of the RCCs, to accomplish two RCC tabletop exercises between now and October, and to plan a NER Ground Search and Rescue School and a NER Search and Rescue Competition for 2015. We'll have the links for the above on the NER website soon.

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#### **PLANS & PROGRAMS:**

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Don't miss the joint NER/Connecticut Wing Conference, scheduled for 18-19 October 2014.

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The Northeast Region is pleased to announce that Lt Col Darren Cioffi will be the next director of the Northeast Region Staff College. The RSC will be held 18-25 October 2014 at the Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst (JBMDL), New Jersey. If you have not been to a RSC in the past, you are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in being on staff, please contact Lt Col Cioffi.

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